



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 08/945,459  
Applicant : Fusao Makishima et al  
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**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

Under the provisions of § 1.136(a), applicant petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for filing the Appeal Brief for three additional months from February 27, 2004 to May 27, 2004. Please charge our Deposit Account 02-2135 in the amount of \$1,370. A duplicate of this paper is attached.

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